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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Central Reference

SUBJECT: Policy on Distribution of GFM-Produced Atlases

1. The Geographic Research Area, CIA, has neither the mission nor the resources to direct production toward the needs of the nongovernment user. Occasionally, however, certain Agency products that are unclassified are of sufficient fundamental significance to be disseminated on a minimal basis outside the usual governmental channels. Two atlases issued by the Geography Division of the Office of Research and Reports were considered to be in this category -- China: Provisional Atlas of Communist Administrative Units (CIA/RR GP 59-59) and Atlas of Soviet Administrative Maps (CIA/RR GP 60-60).

2. Dissemination of these atlases was made to those academic institutions and nongovernmental private foundations or institutions having recognized outstanding associations with Chinese or Russian studies, as well as to selected repositories of particular importance to general users. It must be recognized that many deserving institutions that had less than outstanding potential in these fields of study could not be included because of the limitations imposed by the number of copies available.

3. A few copies of the China atlas were placed on sale through the Office of Technical Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, for any additional institutions or individual students having particular interest in them, but this supply has since been exhausted. The atlas of Soviet administrative maps was never available for public sale.

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